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Regional News

Region's Firefighters in South Carolina

from information supplied by Wayne Williams, Missoula Aerial Fire Depot

Last September when Hurricane Hugo hit the South Carolina coast, near Charleston, 75% of the standing timber on the Francis Marion NF was knocked down. Timber on the ground was increased from 5-10 tons per acre to 75-200 tons per acre — the timber loss is estimated at 800 million to 1 billion board feet.

While salvage efforts are underway, the wood continues to get drier, and the fire potential greater. Adding to the problem, some 15 to 20 thousand people live within the boundary of the 250-acre national forest, and 50,000 people live within five miles of the boundary. It is this extensive urban interface combined with the incredible fuel build-up that warranted bringing in pre-suppression experts to handle any problems that might develop.

Thirty five people from the Northern Region have joined others from around the country, helping with hurricane recovery projects, clearing roads, reducing the fuel hazard, and patrolling the Forest for fires.

The Flathead Hotshots and Helena Hotshots are there, clearing roads and felling broken trees to reduce the standing fuel hazard. Dave Hart from the West Yellowstone Smokejumper Base is a fireline explosives expert and assistant fire management officer for the Forest. Van Davis, Flathead NF, is the helibase manager, providing initial attack support.

Six employees from the Clearwater NF, led by foremen Dave Johnson and Steve Munson, are patrolling the Forest daily and helping with other hurricane recovery projects. Kurt Werst

from the Nez Perce NF and Bernie Hilde, Missoula Smokejumper Base, are engine striketeam leaders, each managing six engines, providing initial attack and prevention coverage in the heavy urban



Flathead National Forest Hotshots cut dead trees in Francis Marion National Forest after Hurricane Hugo.

interface. Wayne Williams, from the Missoula Smokejumper Base, is serving as a fire prevention and information officer, co-ordinating public information sessions and contacts with the news media.

Good work, Region One folks! We're proud of you!!

Beaverhead National Forest

Ten Years !!!



Sherry Christensen (left) receives her ten-year service plaque and pin with gusto from Ron Prichard, supervisor of the Beaverhead NF. Other recent recipients include Argus Black, Dillon District (20 years), Ed Levert, Wise River District (20 years), Jackie Howery, Dillon District (20 years), and Dave Wing, Supervisor's Office (20 years).

Kootenai National Forest

Employee of the Year

by Allison Lundin, Forestry Technician

The Three Rivers Ranger District recently recognized two employees by naming them "Employee of the Year" for 1989.

Tom Desy, a forestry technician who has been the timber crew boss for the past three seasons and recently received a permanent position, was named "Seasonal Employee of the Year."

Jim Benedict, a forester and currently a member of the Yaak EIS Team, was named "District Employee of the Year."

Twenty individuals were nominated for excellent work ethics, community involvement, quality of work, District participation and safety record. Tom and Jim received a Montana Centennial belt buckle, personalized, private parking space near the front office entrance for the next year, and a plaque to be placed in the front office.



Tom Desy (left) and Jim Benedict

Custer National Forest

Beartooth District Wins Primitive Skills Award

Congratulations to Beartooth Ranger District, the winner of the 1989 Northern Region Primitive Skills Award!! To gain this honor, District employees built two bridges and logged out 29 miles of fire damaged trail in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness using only primitive skills.

The Flood Creek Bridge was burned in 1988 when Storm Creek Fire burned through the area, destroying it and leaving trees stacked on the Stillwater River Trail four or five deep in some places. The fire left as many as 100 trees per mile on the trail. Tom Alt, forestry technician and supervisor of the projects, said all the work was completed without motorized or mechanized equipment.



*Rebuilding fire-damaged trail.
Photo by Tom Alt.*

Editorial Policy

The Northern Region News is published by the Northern Region Information Office for employees and retirees. It's purpose is to provide an opportunity for you to share your projects and successes, and to read about others in the Region.

- Articles should feature Forest Service employees and retirees involved in Forest Service activities and projects.

- Articles must be concise and timely. All articles are subject to editing, and may not be used if

outdated, inappropriate, or if space does not permit.

- Photos should be black and white, glossy prints; color prints may be used if contrast is good.
- Send articles to D.Riebe:R01A on the Data General. Hard copies of articles and photographs should be sent to Deanna Riebe, Northern Region Information Office, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807. The public affairs officer on your Forest may want to preview articles before they are sent. If so, please follow that process.

Idaho Panhandle National Forests

Forest Team Earns National Award

Several IPNF employees were honored by the Chief recently for having the "Outstanding National Land Exchange Facilitation Team." Congratulations to team leader John Criswell, staff officer for Lands, Minerals and Special Uses, and team members Bob Artis, Ana Marie Poorboy, Paul McMacken, Dick Bruce and Ted Pettis.

Regional Office

Jim Sheldon Gets Minerals Award

Jim Sheldon, a geologist in the Regional Office, is the winner of the National Minerals Management Award, an honor given annually to individuals who demonstrate initiative, innovation and a positive working relationship with the public in minerals development.

Jim is valued for his leadership and his ability to work with industry, other agencies, and the public. He's known for his ability to translate alternatives so that those without a technical background can understand, and to digest issues and suggest workable solutions.



The Leading Edge

by John Mumma
Regional Forester

A Mark of Professionalism

Last fall I attended the Society of American Foresters' annual meeting in Spokane and just recently attended the annual meeting for the Society For Range Management.

I am proud of the work that Region One employees contributed to the success of these professional meetings. There are many advantages to both the employees and the Forest Service that are gained from meetings of this type. Discussions with members of the academic community, including students and prospective employees, meeting leaders in the nation and hearing their views, and learning from the public and user groups — all contribute to staying "in touch with the times."

I encourage any of you who can to attend these important meetings, and to actively participate in any professional societies related to your work. Organizations such as the Society of American Foresters, the American Forestry Association, the American Fisheries Society, the Society For Range Management, or The



Wildlife Society, for example, can help you stay abreast of issues all over the country, and to be informed on the latest in technical developments.

Involvement of this kind is really a mark of professionalism. Regardless of your particular job or grade level, you can play an important role — by writing articles for publications, giving papers, holding an office in an organization, or offering your help and expertise in any

way you can. Not only can you gain tremendously, but you have a great deal to offer. I am truly impressed by the talent and ability I see in this Region's employees. You can put that talent to work, and at the same time benefit the Forest Service and yourself. I want you to know I appreciate and support your efforts.

Lolo National Forest

In Partnership With The Snowmobilers

by Jim Soular, Civil Engineering Technician, Superior District

A unique partnership between Superior Ranger District, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (DFWP) and the Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club has resulted in the completion of two construction projects to benefit snowmobilers.

A warming shelter is one resulting project. The Forest Service and DFWP contributed money, plans and supplies, and the snowmobile club donated their labor and equipment to construct the shelter. The 24' x 24'



Snowmobilers' new shelter ready for use.

Snowmobile club members place new decking on bridge.



shelter has partial walls and a fireplace in the center for warming or cooking. It was put to good use in January when a club-sponsored ride attracted over 400 snowmobilers.

Another partnership between the Forest Service and the Montana Nightriders brought about the renovation of an abandoned Burlington Northern Railroad bridge across the St. Regis River two miles west of Saltese.

The 80-foot long bridge was rebuilt with \$1500 contributed by the Forest Service, and labor and equipment donated by the snowmobile club. The abandoned railroad now serves as an excellent snowmobile loop between Montana and Mulvan, Idaho, and connects with several other trails in the area.

Senator Burns Visits Trapper Creek

by Mike Oliver, Public Affairs Officer

Senator Conrad Burns enjoyed a tour of Trapper Creek Job Corps Center in December. The visit was characterized by falling snow and a U.S. Senator with only one agenda....to interact with the corps members. Senator Burns visited all the vocational/educational facilities and all dormitories. The current political issues faded into the background as he paused to visit with Trapper Creek residents in dormitory lounges and in their vocational work areas. Center Director, H.C. Labrier conducted the tour accompanied by Forest Supervisor Bertha Gillam, Trapper Creek Staff and members of the student government Corpsmember Council.

The tour ended with a ceremony and refreshments at the Trapper Creek cafeteria. The Job Corps Community Relations Council

awarded Senator Burns the traditional Robert Neaves print which replicates the Trapper Creek dining room wall mural depicting the history of the Job Corps program. The limited edition print was awarded by artist Robert Neaves who is a member of the council. The Senator praised the work that was being accomplished at the center and especially commended the working relationship with the community.

Senator Burns was accompanied by three of his aides: Mark Simonich, Legislative Assistant, of the Washinton Office; Dennis Rehberg, State Director, of the Billings Office and Chuck Campbell, Staff Assistant, of the Missoula Office.

Senator Conrad Burns addresses students at the Trapper Creek Job Corps Center.



News Briefs

R.O. Wellness Program Now In Effect

Since early December, a steady stream of employees from the Regional Office and Missoula Technology Development Center have been getting health assessments and attending health and lifestyle workshops. They now have the option of a free health club membership, or 1 1/2 hours per week of official time to participate in an aerobic exercise routine of their choice. In either case the employees will be given fitness tests before beginning the program, and annually, to measure the effectiveness of the program. Those who opt for the health club have a choice of six in the Missoula area, each offering discounted rates for the Forest Service Wellness Program. We'll be watching for rosy cheeks, streamlined bodies, and boundless energy as these employees build healthy bodies!

New Book on Lochsa Ranger District

Lochsa is the story of Lochsa Ranger District and its people. Written by Louis F. Hartig, it hearkens back to the early 1900's, tracing the lives of various Clearwater NF rangers. It can be purchased from Pacific Northwest National Parks & Forests Assn., 83 S. King St., #212, Seattle, WA 98104.

March -- Women's History Month

March is the month to recognize the strides women have made in science, literature, the military, arts, music, business, and politics. Women's History Month is a good time to expand the focus of history to include the stories of women's lives and the role women have played in the major events of our nation's past, as well as their everyday life experiences. Women's history provides a new way of looking at the events and individuals who made this country what it is today.

Regional Office

Personnel Management Reorganizes

To start the new decade, Personnel Management (PM) in the Regional Office has reorganized to better meet the needs of Region One and to develop a more effective and efficient team. PM has realigned the organization from four groups to three, and an operations unit.

The Affirmative Action/Employment Group will be responsible for affirmative action activities, special emphasis programs, employment, and staffing activities. The Employee Relations/Labor Relations/Safety Group will oversee the benefits program, adverse actions, concern program, and safety and health program. The Classification/Pay/Human Resources Program/Training Group will handle the position classification program, pay activities, human resource programs, and employee development.

A new Operations Group has been formed, which will centralize the technical and clerical functions of PM. This will provide better opportunities for cross-training, better backup, and a more efficient operation. The new group will be fully operational as a group in about three months.

CFC nets \$35,000 in Missoula Area

The 1990 Combined Federal Campaign brought in nearly \$35,000 from Forest Service employees in the Missoula area, exceeding last year's contributions by \$5,439. Retirees contributed \$2,330 to this year's campaign. Chairman Scott Bixler thanks all those who helped in this worthwhile effort.

Custer National Forest

For the last ten years, Beartooth Ranger District has presented its "No Trace" education program to nearly every sixth grader in a three-county area in south-central Montana.

Tom Alt developed the program in the spring of 1980 purely as a wilderness education program, but it has evolved into a total land ethic program. The program emphasizes that recreationists should leave "no trace" of their presence after visiting a national park, national forest, wilderness area, state lands, or even their own backyard.

In addition to Tom's ten years of instruction, Blase DiLulo has presented the program for the last four years. The two have also developed a "Bear Us in Mind" grizzly bear program for seventh graders, and present the "No Trace" program to summertime visitors to the Beartooth District. During the last decade Blase and Tom have presented the combined education programs 788 times to

"No-Trace" Education Program

Still Strong After a Decade

Edited by Kim Crowley, Student Intern

a total of 26,439 people. For the past few years, this program has been reaching approximately 17%-20% of the total sixth grade student population in Montana.

This year the program will add Walt Krimmer, a retired sixth grade teacher and seasonal employee of the District to its teaching staff; and Gary Grocholski, who will be a volunteer instructor for groups outside the school system.

For information about the programs, contact Tom Alt at Beartooth District. Available are handout materials, visual aids, lesson plans, and video tapes of presentations for loan. Anyone wanting to observe a presentation is welcome. A schedule will be available by late February or early March.

Personnel Actions

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

BLACK, ARGUS, frstr tech, Dillon RD, cash award
BROWNING, DAVE, fish biol, Dillon RD, cash award
BUMP, CATHERINE, range conserv, Dillon RD, cash award
FLANDERS, ED, commun spec, R-2 Regional Office, reassignment, SO
HAVIG, DENNIS, dist ranger, Wisdom RD, cash award
LINCOLN, JAMES, supv frstr, Dillon RD, cash award
MOUSEL, MARTHA, frstr tech, Wisdom RD, cash award
NEWTON, PERI, prog analyst, BLM Butte, reassignment, SO
SCHAFFER, JIM, frstr, Dillon RD, promotion
SELWAY, HAROLD, eng tech, SO, cash award
SHUSTER, BILL, wildl biol, Ennis RD, cash award
SMITH, KATHY, eng tech, SO, cash award
WELDON, GEORGE, frstr, Beartooth RD, reassignment, Sheridan RD

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

BIGLER, BOB, forstr, SO, cash award
BIRCHFIELD, DARLYN, sec, SO, cash award
CHRISTIANSON, NAN, resour coor, SO, cash award
DAVIS, NORM, soil scntst, retired, SO, belt buckle award
DECKER, GARRET, hydrol, R-2, Routt NF, reassignment, SO
DECKER, RUTH, soc svcs asst, Trapper Creek JCCC, car cond appt
ELMORE, ROBERT, Indscrp archt, Mt Rainier NP, trnfer/reassign, SO
GAUL, ROYLENE, resour clk, SO, cash award
HAACKE, DAN, frstry technnc, West Fork RD, retirement
MAIS, MARILYN, frstry aid, R-4, Challis NF, Lost River RD,
reassignment, SO
MOORE, JANE, resour clk, SO, cash award
OLIVER, MIKE, pub aff spec, SO, cash award
PAYNE, NANCY, supt svcs speclst, BIFC, reassign, soc svcs asst,
Trapper Creek JCCC
RYKE, NANCY, wildl biol, R-2, Pike and San Isabel NF's, Pikes Peak RD,
reassignment, SO
STEINMAN, GARY, forstr, West Fork RD, temp promotion
STEWART, CATHERINE, forstr, Lolo NF, Missoula RD, promotion,
forstr, Stevensville RD
UNDERWOOD, STAN, frstr, West Fork RD, temp promotion,
district ranger, Sula RD
WINCHELL, MARLENE, pers mgmt speclst, cash award

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

BLUNN, TOM, dist rngr, Pierce RD, retirement
BROWER, DIANE, clk typ, Spvsr's Offc, lateral to eng draftsman, SO
DEANE, PETER, frstr tech, Powell RD, qual step increase
FLOWERS, NEAL, supv civ eng, Supervisor's Office, retirement
GRASHAM, JOHN, frstr tech, Palouse RD, cash award
McKEE, MARLENE, computer asst, Supervisor's Office, cash award
McVEIGH, MICHAEL, frstr, Powell RD, cash award
MUSGRAVE, BONNIE, resour asst, Supervisor's Office, cash award
NORWOOD, JAMES, laborer, Powell RD, cash award
PIERSON, PATRICIA, appt to info recep, Lochsa RD
ROGERS, SUE, supp serv supv, Supervisor's Office, qual step increase
SCOLE, ROY, frstr tech, Palouse RD, cash award
SUK, SALLY, computer prog analyst, Supervisor's Office, cash award
SUTTON, JEFFREY, frstr tech, Palouse RD, cash award

THOMPSON, KATHY, info recep typ, SO, qual step increase
WELLS, JAMES, frstr tech, Palouse RD, qual step increase

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

ANKRUM, LORI, resource clk typ, SO, award
BAIER, ZONA, resource clk, SO, award
ENDERUD, CHERYL, applic clerk, McKenzie RD, award
FISHBURN, JAMES, forester, SO, award
FISHER, NORMA, resource asst, SO, award
FRIDLEY, BETTY ANN, bma asst, McKenzie RD, award
HANCOCK, PATRICIA, pers clerk, Ashland RD, reassign Gallatin NF
HEINTZ, THOMAS, forest admin, Grand River RD, award
MARK, CHARLES, frstry tech, Beartooth RD, award
PIERSON, PAT, forester, Beartooth RD, promotion
SHIMEK, DELORES, sss, McKenzie RD, award
SPEER, ANN, info receipt, SO, promotion
THOMAS, MARCIA, admin officer, SO, award

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

CALLAHAN, CAROLYN, GS-7 guid cnslr, D6 prog promot GS-9 guid cnslr
DEARING, PATRICIA, SO promotion GS-11
EDELEN, RUSS, QSI, Deer Lodge RD
ELLIS, JO, GS-11 geol, D2 - temp promotion GS-12 Dist Rngr D3
GILSTRAP, ALLEN, SO promotion GS-10
HALL, RHONDA, SO GS-3 mail & file clerk temp
HOAR, JAN, rassignment purchasing agent SO
KELLEY, IRENE, GS-7 acct trainee, SO B&F career cond appt
McNAMARA, JAMES, promotion GS-9 D4
ROCHE, WANDA, temp promotion GS-9 D4
RUSSELL, FRANKLIN, reassignment frstr tech, Jefferson RD
RUSSELL, LAURIE, reassignment resour clk, Jefferson RD
SCHIMANSKI, DONNA, cash award D2
SIEBRECHT, PATRICIA, car cond appt soc serv asst, Anaconda CCC
STRICKLAND, LINSEY, QSI, Deer Lodge RD
SNOWBERGER, JANET, GS-4 clk typ, D4 resignation
WARD, NORMAN, cash award SO
WILLIAMS, EARL, cash award SO

In Memoriam

Rutger "Roger" van Houten, of Lapwai, Idaho, a former employee of the Clearwater NF, died February 7 of cancer, at the age of 45. He was forest manager for the Nez Perce Tribe.

Don Comstock, offset photographer foreman at the Regional Office, died of heart failure February 27 in Missoula during surgery. He was 53. Comstock was a smokejumper early in his 32-year Forest Service career, and has held various positions in R.O. engineering since 1960.

Personnel Actions

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

ADAMS, DAVID, frstry aid, Glacier View RD, cash award
 AKE, KATHY, biological tech, SO eng, perf award
 APPLE, ANDY, lead frstry tech, Glacier View RD, spec act award
 AYRES, BEN, eng equip operatior, C & M shop, cash
 BABCOCK, JOHN, civil eng tech, SO, perf award
 BAIN, STAN, reassign, compr sys anal, WO
 BECKLEY, LA REE, resour clk, Hungry Horse RD, reassign, timber sales clk, Willamette NF
 BENNETT, WALTER, frstry tech, Hungry Horse RD, perf award
 BLUBAUGH, MARV, lead frstry tech, Glacier View RD, spec act award
 BODFISH, VICKI, carto tech, SO eng, perf award
 BONES, STAN, cvl eng tech, Swan Lake RD, cash award
 BOLLENBACHER, BARRY, spvry frstr, Swan Lake RD, reassgn, Butte RD
 BOND, DEBBIE, frstr, Hungry Horse RD, spec act award
 BREWER, KEN, frstr, Hungry Horse RD, spec act award
 BROOKS, RANDY, elec eng, SO, perf award
 BROWN, BETTY, resour acct tech, Swan Lake RD, perf award
 BUNNELL, DAVE, FMO, SO, QSI award
 BURKHART, MARC, supvry tech, SO eng, perf award photogrammetric boundry survey
 CALLOWAY, CATHY, frstr, Glacier View RD, cash award
 CAMPBELL, DALE, frstry tech, Glacier View RD, cash award
 CAWRSE, DAVE, supvry frstr, Glacier View RD, cash award
 CHRISTOPHERSEN, AL, district ranger, Hungry Horse RD, perf award
 CHRISTOPHERSEN, CINDY, reinstated in SO, pers clerk
 CLAIMONT, CORINNE, frstry aid, Glacier View RD, cash award
 CLAIMONT, LESLIE, frstry aid, Glacier View RD, cash award
 COLMAN, TERESA, frstry aid, Glacier View RD, cash award
 CONN, VANCE, cvl eng tech, Glacier View RD, cash award
 CUNDY, JUDIE, purch agent, SO, perf award
 DAHLGREN, GARY, supvry frstr, SO timber, perf award
 DAVID, JACK, civil eng tech, SO eng, perf award
 DENNE, JOHN, pblic affair spec, SO, promot, Washington Office
 DIEMERT, VELIA, finance asst, Swan Lake RD, perf award
 DRY, JIM, supvry civil eng, Hungry Horse RD & Spotted Bear RD, perf award
 ERICKSON, JODI, clk-typ, Glacier View RD, perf award
 FALCON, TERRI, bus mgmt clk, SO eng, perf award
 FLINT, FRED, forester, Hungry Horse RD, perf award
 HILGERS, JOHN, mtnc worker, Hungry Horse RD, special act award
 HINZMAN, KEN, civil eng tech, SO eng, perf award
 JOHNSON, MARILYN, lead dispatcher, SO, QSI award
 JORGENSON, DALE, frstry techncn, Swan Lake RD, promotion
 KEMPF, MADELYN, public affairs asst, SO, QSI award
 KESSLER, JOHN, frstr, Swan Lake RD, retired
 KIMZEY, GERALD, civil eng, SO, perf award
 KOWALICK, JAMES, fstr, Hungry Horse RD, perf award
 KROGSTAD, DON, carto tech, SO, QSI award
 KRUEGER, RON, spvrsy tech, SO, perf award
 LEISINGER, PAM, resour clk typg, Swan Lake RD, perf award
 LINDAHL, ROGER, civil eng tech, Tally Lake RD, QSI award
 LINSE, PAUL, supvry frstry tech, Glacier View RD, cash award & spec act award
 MARTIN, CINDY, SO administrative asst, promotion
 MARYOTT, DOUGLAS, frstr, Hungry Horse RD, reassign frstr, IPNF
 MCATEE, BRUCE, fuels tech, Glacier View RD, cash award
 MCAVOY, DARREN, GVRD, hotshot crew, spec act award
 McDONALD, JAMES, frstry aid, Glacier View RD, cash award
 McDONALD, RICHARD, frstry aid, Glacier View RD, cash award
 McMILLAN, HOWARD, frstry aid, Glacier view RD, employee of quarter
 MCNULTY, JAMES, frstry aid, Glacier View RD, cash award
 MECKEL, KEN, highway eng, SO, perf award
 MENGHINI, DENNIS, supv resource spec, SO, perf award
 MOORE-HOPE, NANCY, personnel officer, SO, QSI award
 MORGAN, DEVI, finance asst, SO, perf award
 NEWMAN, JUDY, frstr, SO, promotion
 NORMILE, JOHN, survy tech, SO eng, perf award
 PATTERSON, PHOEBE, outdr rec plnr, Swan Lake RD, reassign Butte RD
 PENNER, STEVE, forester, Hungry Horse RD, spec act award
 PITCHER, DARVIN, frstry tech, Glacier View RD, perf award
 PLYMPTON, HELGA, acct tech, SO resource, QSI award
 PUDELKA, JIM, civil eng tech, Hungry Horse RD, perf award
 REES, DON, supvry frstry tech, Glacier View RD, spec act award
 REID, JAMES, carto tech, SO eng, perf award
 RICHWINE, MASON, frstry tech, Hungry Horse RD, perf award
 RIVERA, HENRY, wildlife biologst, Hungry Horse RD, perf award
 RUSSELL, BRAD, CvL eng tech, Swan Lake RD, QSI award
 SCHMIDT, ROD, cvl eng tech, Tally Lake RD, QSI award
 SCOTT, JERRY, civil eng tech, SO, perf award
 SHJEFLO, DOUG, personnel asst, SO, QSI award
 SMILEY, DAN, supvry civil eng, SO, perf award
 SMITH, BECKY, forester, SO rec, promotion
 SNYDER, CHUCK, supvry civil eng, SO, perf award
 SODERSTROM, KEITH, resour spclst, SO resour perf award
 SPERRY, CHUCK, frstr, Glacier View RD, cash award
 STEELE, LARRY, contract spec, SO, perf award

STINE, BILL, systems manager, Swan Lake RD, cash award
 STOUT, BERT, district ranger, Tally Lake RD, perf award
 SWOPE, BILL, supvry frstr, Glacier View RD, QSI award
 TABER, CLARENCE, cvl eng tech, Glacier View RD, cash award
 TEBABY, SUE, secretary, SO, QSI award
 TEDDY, DOUG, eng tech, Hungry Horse RD, perf award
 THURSTON, GREG, survy tech, SO, perf award
 TREAT, PATSY, manpower devel spec, SO, QSI award
 VALLIERES, GARY, computer spclst, SO, QSI award
 WARREN, ROYELYN, sup serv superv, SO, perf award
 WEAVER, GAYANNE, info recep, Swan Lake RD, perf award
 WILLITS, TONY, frstry tech, Glacier View RD, cash award
 WITT, JEANNE, SO, clk-typ, promotion, vchr exmn
 WITTINGER, TOM, fish biologst, SO, cash award
 WOOD, DON, frstry techncn, Swan Lake RD, cash award
 WURTZ, BARB, procur clerk, SO, perf award

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

BUHL, NORM, eng tech, SO, promotion
 BUHL, NORM, eng tech, SO, cash award
 CHERRY, MARION, wildl biol, SO, cash award
 CHRISTENSEN, ARTHUR, frstr tech, Gardiner RD, cash award
 CLARK, STEVEN, frstr, LoLo NF, reassignment, Zone Timber
 COWAN, PHIL, frstr, Gardiner RD, cash award
 HANCOCK, PATT, Custer NF, pers clk, reassignment, SO
 HARRIS, LLOYD, frstr tech, Zone Tmbr, cash award
 HOPPE, PATRICK, rge tech, Gardiner RD, cash award
 ISRAEL, JOSEPH, frstr tech, Gardiner RD, cash award
 MAY, BRUCE, fish biol, SO, cash award
 MCBRIDE, JANET, frstr, Gardiner RD, cash award
 REISS, JEANINE, supp serv spec, Gardiner RD, cash award
 SEARS, LARRY, frstr, Gardiner RD, cash award
 STEWART, RALPH, resour asst, Wallowa-Whitman NF, reassignment, Livingston RD
 TYERS, DAN, wildl biol, Gardiner RD, January employee of the month
 TYERS, DAN, wildl biol, Gardiner RD, cash award
 WHITMAN, GRACE, resour clk, Hebgen Lake RD, cash award
 WYTANIS, JOHN, frstr tech, Hebgen Lake RD, cash award

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

ARMSTRONG, BONNER, forester, SO, award
 BROHMAN, RONALD, forester, SO, award
 CURTIS, GAYLE, computer clk, Townsend RD, award
 EDGERLEY, COLLEEN, resource clk, SO, reassignment Helena RD
 GILBERT, ALFRED, (SAM), forester, SO, award
 KELLOGG, ROBERT, frstry tech, SO, award
 MCKINNON, DON, frstry tech, SO, award
 MEYER, GERALD, frstry tech, Helena RD, promotion
 MOE, DUANE, law enforcement, Flathead NF, Reassignment SO
 O'BRIEN, STEVE, forester, SO, award
 PAYNE, FERN, info asst, SO, reassignment
 SHEPPARD, JOAN, contract spec, SO, promo Nez Perce NF

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

ADAMS, BETTY, cash award, Avery RD
 ANDERSON, ROBERICK, cash award, SO
 ARNESON, KERRY, writer/editor, Siskiyou NF, reassign, Fernan RD
 BALL, THOMAS, QSI, Priest Lake RD
 COLES, BARRY, cash award, Priest Lake RD
 DAVIS, JAMES, crim inves, promotion, St. Maries RD
 DEBOI, GARY, cash award, Avery RD
 ERRECART, JOHN, cash award, Avery RD
 FLOOD, CAMEO, frstry tech, promotion, Avery RD
 GREEN, ARLENE, computer spec, promotion, computer prog analyst, SO
 GREENBLATT, MARCIA, cash award, Avery RD
 HOUSE, GERALD, cash award, SO
 JOHNSTON, JOHN, QSI, St. Maries RD
 KLARICH, ROBERT, supvry forstr, temp promotion, Bonners Ferry RD
 KOLE, DONALD, cash award, Avery RD
 KRUEGER, KARL, cash award, SO
 LEBRUN, PAUL, cash award, SO
 MANS, JAMES, cash award, SO
 MARYOTT, DOUGLAS, frstr, Flathead NF, reassign, Wallace RD
 McEVERS, DANIEL, forstry tech, promotion, Sandpoint RD
 MOTTERN, BERTA LEE, pers asst, reassign, emp relations asst, SO
 MUELLER, NANCY, clk typ, promotion, res clk, SO
 NORTHRUP, MARY, civ eng tech, temp promotion, South Zone Eng
 OSCARSON, INEZ, cash award, Priest Lake RD
 OTTAWAY, CHRISTINE, frstry tech, Avery RD, reassign, SO
 PRICE, MARY, cash award, Avery RD
 RENTFRO, LOYD, cash award, Priest Lake RD
 SEITZ, PAUL, civ eng tech, reassign, North Zone Eng
 SMITH, CHERYL, budg & acctg analyst, QSI, SO
 STRUNK, DONALD, JR., cash award, Priest Lake RD

Personnel Actions

WARD, GEORGE, cash award, SO
 WHEELER, RALPH, frstr, retired, SO
 WHITE, SUSIE, cash award, Priest Lake RD
 WONDOLLECK, MARK, cash award, Avery RD

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSEN, TED, supv forstr, Libby RD, sus sup perf
 BAIN, JANE, civ eng tech, West Zone, chg lower grade, pers mgmt spclst, SO, AS
 COX, JOHN, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, retired
 DIEZIGER, GARY, comp asst, Rexford RD, sus sup perf
 ERICKSON, RONALD, forstr, SO, LMR, QSI
 ERWIN, JENNIFER, stu tr (comp sci), SO, AS, resignation
 EVANS, DEBBIE, fncl asst, Three Rivers RD, reassign, pers clk, R6, Fremont NF
 EVANS, JAMES, frstry techncl, Three Rivers RD, spec act
 EVANS, JAMES, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, promotion, natural res spclst, R6, Fremont NF
 FERGUSON, LESLIE, appt, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD
 FERRUZZI, ED, frstry tech, Fortine RD, promotion
 GROB, LAVERNA, res clk, Rexford RD, spec act/serv
 HEINZ, GUENTER, wildl biolgst, Fortine RD, QSI
 HERMANSON, KEVIN, pers mgmt spec, SO, AS, prom, pers offcr, Yellowstone NP
 HESSENKEMPER, JOE, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, temp promotion
 HILL, KATRINA, res clk, Rexford RD, spec act/serv
 HOWARD, CHARLIE, supvry forstr, Libby RD, sus sup perf
 JOHNSTON, JONETTE, acctg techncl, SO, AS, reassign, bus mgmt clk, CSSC
 KILROY, JAMES, frstry tech, Rexford RD, grp spec act
 KNUTSON, SHARI, trail crew membr, Libby RD, spec act
 LAMB, FRANK, comp spec, SO, TS, spec act/serv
 LANE, ALAN, exc cond appt, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD
 LARSON, GLENDA, dup equip oprtr, SO, AS, sus sup perf
 LARSON, JOAN, frstry tech, Libby RD, spec act/serv
 LOPEZ, JIM, frstry tech, SO, TS, spec act/serv
 MOHAR, KATHRYN, bus mgmt clk, WSSC, reassign, res clk/typ
 NESBITT, DAVID, frstry tech, Fortine RD, emp suggestion
 NYGAARD, TWILA, res clk, CSSC, promotion
 O'DRISCOLL, PEGGY, res tech, Three Rivers RD, transfer, res clk, Tahoe Mgmt Basin, R5
 OSTREM, CINDY, trail crew memb, Libby RD, spec act
 PENDERGRASS, MIKE, stu tr (commun) SO, AS, promotion
 PRICE, MARY, info recip, Fisher River RD, promotion
 RATHBUN, JAMES, forest supervisor, SO, retired
 REBO, SANDY, prop clk, SO, AS, reassign, compr clk
 RIGHTER, MARY, compr clk, SO, AS, reassign, acctg tech
 SELLS, ERNIE, civil engrg tech, West Zone Engrg, retired
 THOMPSON, ROBERT, geologist, SO, LMR, QSI
 TIMMONS, BECKY, archaeologist, SO, LMR, QSI
 ZEARFOSS, JACK, civil engrg, R6, MT Baker-Snoqualmie NF, reassign, West Zone Engrg

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

BROWN, DOUG, for tech, Musselshell RD, conv cc appt, Rocky Mtn RD
 CRAIG, JEFFREY M., personnel officer, SO, cash award
 FAGER, CARL, dist rngr, Musselshell RD, reassign frstr, Custer NF
 FORTUNE, WILLIAM, dist rngr, Custer NF, reassign dist rngr, Musselshell RD
 GASKILL, BARBARA, accntng tech, Custer NF, prom sss, Musselshell RD
 KARLSON, MARIE, clerk/typist, Kings Hill Ranger District, promotion

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

ANTONICH, PAT, procur clk, SO, promo
 BOLLER, AUDREY, procur clk, SO, promo
 CLARK, STEVEN, frstr, Plains/TFalls RD, reassign, frstr, Gallatin NF
 COVAULT, JERRY, frstr, SO, cash award
 FORTENBERRY, ELLEN, resour spclst, SO, cash award
 FOX, BILL, frstr tech, Nez Perce NF, reassign, frstr tech (Law Enforcement Offcr), Superior RD
 HAMILTON, JOHN, temp, career-cond seas appt, frstr tech, Plains/TFalls RD
 HILMO, RON, civ eng tech, Missoula Eng Zone, cash award
 JOHNSON, BRUCE, frstr, Missoula RD, temp promo, timber mgt asst, Missoula RD
 LANG, HARRIET, supp serv supv, SO, qual step inc
 LINJALA, ED, frstr, SO, cash award
 LUBINSKI, TAD, temp, car cond perm seas appt, surv tech, SO
 MAILLET, LYNEE, frstr tech, Mt. Hood NF, Oregon, reassign, frstr tech, Superior RD
 MATHEUS, PAUL, frstr tech, Ninemile RD, cash award
 McMURRAY, CINDY, resour clk, SO, cash award
 MITCHELL, CLIFFORD, frstr, Nez Perce NF, reassign, frstr, Seeley Lake RD

NOLAN, BOB, civ eng tech, Missoula Eng Zone, cash award
 ODEGARD, PETE, civ eng tech, Missoula Eng Zone, cash award
 SCHIEMER, PAT, temp, career-cond perm seas appt frstr tech, Plains/TFalls RD
 SPRINGER, ROSIE, admin offcr, Plains RD, reassign, op unt mgr, R1 Pers Mgt
 SMITH, DICK, frstr, SO, cash award
 STEWART, CATHY, silv, Missoula RD, promo, silv, Bitterroot NF, Stevensville RD
 STEWART, MIKE, civ eng tech, Missoula Eng Zone, cash award
 WILLIAMS, BYRON, civ eng tech, Missoula Eng Zone, cash award

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AIKEN, RON, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 BELTON, TIM, supv wildl biol, Clearwater RD, cash award
 BONN, JOSEPH, civ eng, SO, cash award
 BROTONOV, JAMES, carpenter, Selway RD, retirement
 BUTTON, TIMOTHY, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 CARPENTER, WILLIAM, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 CASE, LARRY, warehouseman, SO, cash award
 COUNTRYMAN, CHARLES, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 COX, RAY, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 CROTINGER, JOHN, construction inspector, SO, cash award
 DAILEY, SUSAN, prog asst, SO, promotion
 DELL, PAMELA, clk, Clearwater RD, cash award
 DENHAM, JOSEPH, frstr tech, Elk City RD, cash award
 DESSER, ROCHELLE, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 DICKINSON, ERIC, lead frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 ELLIOTT, CHARLES, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 FOWLER, MARTIN, supv civ eng tech, SO, cash award
 FOWLER, WILLIAM, supv civ eng, SO, cash award
 GEARY, LOIS, resour clk, Salmon River RD, promotion
 HAENER, DIANE, resour clk, Clearwater RD, cash award
 HATTING, STEPHEN, frstr, Elk City RD, cash award
 HAYES, DAVID, frstr, Clearwater RD, cash award
 HAZELBAKER, KRISTINE, frstr, Clearwater RD, cash award
 JUNES, ARCHIE, civ eng tech, SO, cash award
 JURKOVICH, LARRY, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 KELLEY, THEODORE, civ eng tech, SO, cash award
 KLEMENT, LISA, clk typ, Clearwater RD, cash award
 LEDUC, GEORGE, civ eng, SO, cash award
 LERANDEAU, HENRY, frstr, Clearwater RD, cash award
 LOWRY, MARVIN, frstr tech, Salmon River RD, promotion
 MACMILLEN, JAMES, frstr, Clearwater RD, cash award
 MCNICOLL, CECILIA, wildl biol, Clearwater RD, cash award
 MOORE, MARY, eng data clk, SO, career cond appt, cash award
 MOTHERSHED, LYLE, civ eng tech, SO, cash award
 MOYNAN, KATHLEEN, fish biol, Red River RD, career cond appt
 MURPHY, ELAYNE, pub affairs spec, SO, promotion
 PARADIS, WAYNE, fish biol, Clearwater RD, promotion, cash award
 PARADISO, JAMES, frstr, Clearwater RD, cash award
 PARADISO, SUE, frstr, Clearwater RD, cash award
 PETERSON, VICKIE, acct tech, SO, cash award
 RUZICKA, THERESA, clk typ, Elk City RD, cash award
 SCHOO, JANICE, supp serv supv, Clearwater RD, cash award
 SCOTT, CHARLES, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 SMITH, JOHN, frstr tech, Selway RD, retirement
 STEWART, JA'NICE, procur asst, SO, cash award
 SUHR, JOHN, payroll tech, SO, promotion
 THOMPSON, RICHARD, automotive worker, SO, cash award
 TOMLINSON, CHARLES, supv frstr, Clearwater RD, cash award
 WINDELL, RODNEY, supv frstr, Clearwater RD, cash award
 WINKLER, BECKY, computer asst, Clearwater RD, cash award
 WINKLER, CAROLYN, clk typ, Elk City RD, cash award
 WINKLER, GREGG, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award

Retirements

Ernest Sells, civil engineering technician, Kootenai NF, retired December 30 after 29 years with the Forest Service. Sells worked at the West Zone Engineering Office in Troy from 1961 to 1989.

John Cox, forestry technician on the Three Rivers District of the Kootenai NF, retired January 1 after 34 years with the Forest Service. Cox worked on the Three Rivers District for his entire career.

Bighorn Sheep Project a Success

by Lewis Young, George Curtis, and Patricia Perry

Thanks to a joint project between Rexford Ranger District, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (DFWP), and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), 5,000 acres of improved habitat is now being provided for the Ural-Tweed bighorn sheep herd, the last native herd in northwestern Montana. This project, located 20-30 miles southwest of Eureka, along Lake Koocanusa, involves approximately 20% of the existing sheep range. The herd now has about 125 animals, up from about 50 when the habitat improvements began five years ago.

Studies by the DFWP identified key habitat areas. The Forest Service designed a helicopter timber harvest (the Koocanusa Whirly Bird Timber Sale) within the sheep range to improve bighorn sheep and mule deer habitat on approximately 3,500 acres. The helicopter harvest was followed by prescribed understory burning to remove logging slash, thin the remaining smaller conifers and stimulate forage production of the understory vegetation. Although designed for



big game habitat improvement, the Whirly Bird sale also provided the local logging economy with over 18 million board feet of high quality saw timber. BPA funded slashing and burning for habitat improvement on the additional 1,500 acres. The DFWP has monitored the animal and vegetative response throughout the project.

With the completion and outstanding success of this project, we are moving into a 10-year plan with the same cooperators to continue improving big game winter ranges along both sides of Lake Koocanusa.

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